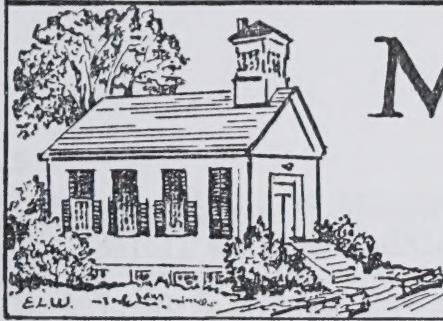
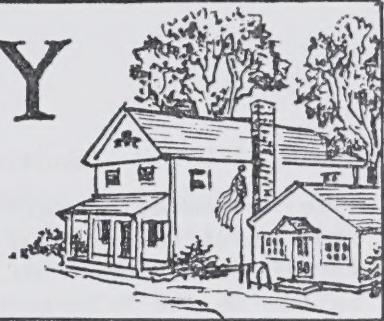


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OUR TOWN



Town Informational Meeting -- September 22

On September 22 an informational town meeting was held in the church basement, with the following items on the agenda: 1) Zoning By-Laws; 2) Subdivision regulations, including Sewerage and Water Provisions; 3) Multiple Dwellings; 4) Earth Removal; 5) Motorboat Regulations; 6) Boat Launch and Beach; 7) Re-Cycling; 8) Level of Lake Garfield in Winter; 9) Weed Control on Our Lakes; 10) Road Maintenance; 11) Town Recreational Building; 12) Dumping Hours; 13) Voter Registration. About 75 persons were present, with a preponderance of summer residents. Eugene O'Connell presided. The first one-and-a-half hours were occupied with many concerns regarding by-laws, subdivisions, earth removal and multiple dwellings.

Board of Appeals Chairman John Carlson filled in the newer residents on the necessary steps to be taken by a person planning to build a house in the town or to make additions to an already existent dwelling. They are as follows: 1) Application to the Selectmen for a permit, including ^{plans} for the building and provisions for water supply and sewerage; 2) If the permit cannot be granted by the Selectmen because of any violation of the zoning by-laws contained in the plan, the person may submit an application to the Board of Appeals for a variance. After two weeks' advance notice in the newspapers, a public hearing on the application can be held.

The meeting quickly covered the next five items on the agenda. Tom Bradley and John Pizzichemi were encouraging on the subject of weed control, a severe problem at Lake Buel at present, and in the process of becoming an equally serious one at Lake Garfield. Aeration still appears to be the best method of dealing with this problem, and it is hoped that some help for this purpose may be obtained from Federal funds.

Due to lack of time, the last four items on the agenda were not dealt with, although concern about the inconvenience of the present dumping hours was expressed by some citizens, and the Selectmen promised to see what could be done in this connection. The chief problem is the availability of the person who supervises the dump, George Kisselbrock. A final decision will be reached by the Selectmen on Monday, October 15. The plan is, if possible, to favor late afternoon and evening dumping hours, which seems to meet the needs and desires of most of the persons in town.

Informational Meeting on Multiple Dwellings and Land Subdivision

On Thursday, October 4, about 40 people attended a meeting in the church basement, the purpose of which was to learn more about the actions which have been taken regarding subdivision and multiple dwellings in a neighboring town with some similar problems to those of the Town of Monterey. There exist at present no laws controlling the erection of multiple dwellings in our town, and the necessity for such a law has become evident. Hearings on four petitions for subdivisions have been held since the month of August and the present acre zoning by-law is considered by a number of citizens to be inadequate to deal with the current situation, as well as ones that may arise in the future.

The guest speaker at this meeting was Mr. Francis Foley, former Chairman, and currently a member of the Planning Board of the Town of Lee. Eugene O'Connell presided. Mr. Foley explained that in August 1972 the Town of Lee received three applications for the erection of multiple dwellings, one containing 250, one 150 and one 28 units. In view of the effect it would have had on the town to incorporate a population influx of such magnitude without adequate expansion of the school, police, health and other facilities of the town, it was decided by the 54 voting members of the six districts into which the Town of Lee is divided, plus the Board of Selectmen, to declare a one-year moratorium on the issue, until a suitable new by-law could be written, voted on, and if approved by the Town, subsequently submitted to the State Attorney General for approval. A plan was eventually approved by the groups mentioned above, the basic provision of which was to limit multiple dwellings in Lee to buildings containing no more than four separate living units. This plan has been submitted to the Attorney General and his decision is at present pending. Meanwhile, the moratorium has been extended until his reply is received.

After a number of pertinent questions to Mr. Foley from Monterey residents (Example: What constitutes a multiple dwelling? Answer: One containing separate living units for three or more families or individuals), two petitions were drawn up for presentation to the Selectmen of our town. The first requested the Selectmen to give consideration to an eighteen-month moratorium on the erection of multiple dwellings, and the second comprised the same request in relation to subdivision of land. The first petition was signed by 108 voting residents of the Town, and the second contained 98 signatures.

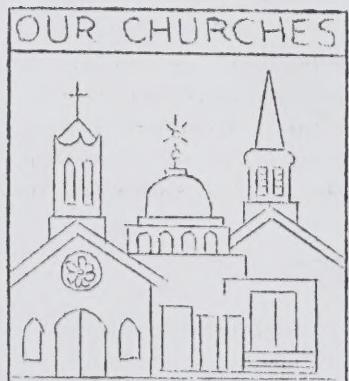
The two petitions were presented to the Selectmen at their regular Monday meeting on October 8, together with a letter requesting that a Town Warrant be drawn up containing the request for these moratoriums, plus a request to grant sufficient financial aid to underwrite the drawing up of a Master Plan for the town. This letter was signed by Anne Marie Makuc, Norman Seigerman, Georgiana O'Connell and Frances Amidon, representing the signators of the two petitions. The letter also asked the Selectmen to appoint a committee to work with the Planning Board on the Master Plan for the town and the ongoing revision of the by-laws. The Selectmen voted to give priority issue to this request and reply to the letter at their next meeting, Monday, October 15. Meanwhile the Planning Board has written a new zoning by-law, draft copies of which will be available shortly. A Town Meeting to vote on these various issues is planned for some time early in November.

1972 Property Taxes Deadline

Tax Collector Henry Makuc would like to remind all property owners that 1973 real estate and personal property taxes are due in his office by Thursday, November 1. Any taxes not received by November 1 are subject to 8% interest from October 1. Taxes may be paid by mail or at the collector's home on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Any questions regarding assessments or tax amounts are handled by the Board of Assessors.

Police Radar Equipment

Through the generous contributions of the citizens of Monterey and the net profits from the very successful policemen's picnic on July 29, the Police Department has now raised sufficient funds to purchase the necessary equipment. Three different types of radar installations for the cruiser are being demonstrated to the police force at present, and a decision will soon be made as to the most suitable type of radar installation for the purposes of our town.



CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

Only one Mass weekly, 10:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

Catechism classes are being held in Sheffield every Monday after school for grades 1-8. The classes terminate at 3:45, and the children are returned to their homes in the school buses.

Grades 9 - 12 meet the first Monday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., also in Sheffield.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning worship at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. . . . Church School and Confirmation Classes began October 14 and will be meeting at 9:15 each Sunday. . . . Received into membership on October 7, Wanda and Charles Bearse and Alice Burhans.

Faith Exploration The Faith Exploration series sponsored by the Southern Berkshire Churches has been drawing an enthusiastic group from Monterey. The remaining programs are: October 15, "Exploring the Bible", led by Alan Carpenter; October 22, "Psychology and Religion", led by Virgil Brallier. The final one will be a supper meeting on October 29 at 6:30 o'clock, and will be on "Worship". Meetings are held in the South Egremont Congregational Church, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Groups The "Friendship Group" started by Ruth Carr and Patricia Howard last year will hold its first meeting of the season at the home of Patricia Howard, Friday, October 20, at 4:00 p.m. . . . The Prayer Group, at the home of Hadley and Elizabeth Simons, has interrupted its meetings during the period of the Faith Exploration series, but will resume in November, Tuesday evenings at 7:30. Other support groups in the church are at present under consideration.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING MYSELF

There is nothing so important to me as the right and the freedom to be myself. You may instantly ask what sort of an ego trip I am on. Others may protest that this seems to be an arrogant, self-centered view. Why not rather cherish all of humanity and avoid treating the self as though it were the center of the universe?

Yet, in a strange sort of way, the "I" in me is the center of my universe. The seeing, thinking and feeling that I do are inextricably bound up in myself. My hopes and fears, my longings and desires I may find echoed in other persons. But the only way I shall ever truly know the range of feelings we attribute to mankind is through those I genuinely experience within my own self.

What started me on this train of thinking? During my recent vacation I read the Spanish philosopher, Unamuno's book, "Tragic Sense of Life". I found him starting out by referring to the flesh and blood man as the only way to know a person. Throughout the book he resisted generalizations about mankind and insisted that the concrete, specific person, with his or her particular combination of hopes, dreams and desires, was the only meaningful example of what it is to be a person. His position did not tell me something I had not known before, but it did bring to light again the necessity that I come to realize the importance of myself, and that you do the same with yourself.

One of the quickest ways to belittle my own integrity is to start generalizing myself: I may try to observe what it is that others think and feel, in order to try to pick up clues on what I also ought to think and feel. Instead of accepting myself as a significant norm of personhood I am already at work wiping out my own true flesh and blood character, because I imagine that some better standard exists by abstracting it from dozens of other persons. How will I ever learn to respect myself if I keep doing this?

Furthermore, if I don't respect myself, how do I expect to really get on with my own growth and development as a person? I really can't grow or develop into anything other than what I already am. It is to no avail if I do not accept the self I am. There is nothing quite so decisive in one's personal saga as coming to the point at which one gives up trying to copy other persons' "blueprints". When I accept myself, warts and blemishes and all, then I can begin to get some leverage on becoming an authentic person.

Unanumo talks of how critical it is that each person be regarded as an end, and not as a means to an end. Most of us, at least on some level, have known that we should treat others as ends, and not simply as means to secure something we want by "using" them. Sometimes we are slower in applying this same wisdom to our own selves. We very easily fall into patterns in which we see ourselves as means whereby various ends can be obtained. Although I find myself in the role of breadwinner, minister, psychologist, these designations are largely aimed at means. The deepest meaning of being myself reaches beyond any of these labels. Without always being aware of exactly why, I suspect the reason so many young people have been casting off traditional roles is that they have had uneasy feelings that their true selves were being violated.

Perhaps they didn't reason out their feeling that they were becoming means rather than ends, but something of that reasoning continually shows itself in those who keep rejecting roles. For myself, I haven't found any way to avoid my various roles, but I had better keep a close watch to prevent them from squeezing the juice of life out of me.

Finally, the central reason why it is important for me to be myself is that I am a unique creation of God. Not to accept my own uniqueness is to despise what God has done. My own version of hungering and thirsting for life is different from any other person's version. My own obstacle course in achieving my personhood is different from that of any other person. My own combination of strengths and weaknesses is different from that found in any other.

Somehow it comes through that this is God's intention. His joy is in the uniqueness of each person. Thus, the true destiny of each is uncovered and fulfilled as he gains his own "courage to be".

I find myself wanting to end this reflection by issuing a call to celebrate life. The utter wonder of life lies in its rich diversity. To be sure, any scientist can pick out the sameness and continuity that runs through all forms of life. Yet, not discounting this at all, the artist, the seer, the person of faith are all able to identify the uniqueness in each expression of life. Let us celebrate life -- your life and mine.

Virgil V. Brallier
Monterey United Church of Christ

At the end of a three-day celebration (October 6-8) in honor of Gould Farm's sixty years of service, the Board of Directors voted to express their appreciation of and confidence in the new Executive Director. Kent Smith and his wife, Nancy, have recently completed their first year at the Farm. Obviously many people hope they will continue at its head for years to come.

Saturday morning the busy weekend began with the annual meeting of the Corporation members, the William J. Gould Associates. Thirty-six of them came from New York City, Boston, Washington and other centers to elect new members and officers, and to fulfill their pledge to see that "the ideals of the founder" are adhered to. They chose three Berkshire residents to fill empty places in the group: Mrs. David Barrett, of Sheffield, Mrs. Robert Carswell, of Great Barrington, and Mrs. Kingsley Kelly, of Sheffield. They re-elected three directors whose terms had expired. Then they arranged to meet again after lunch in small groups to study a few aspects of Farm life -- religious expression, new facilities to house guests, the therapy program, and the matter of finances. Prefacing the afternoon meetings, five relatively new members of the staff introduced themselves: Bill Kerwin, program director, Henry Stewart, chaplain, and his wife, Diane, both counsellors, and Rick Beinecke and his wife, Mary Burton, heads of the Main House family, and also counsellors.

On Sunday a reception was held for friends and neighbors and the resident community. More than 250 people enjoyed the brief program, with Kent Smith as the main speaker; Hampton Price, former Executive Director, also spoke, and was warmly received, as was his wife, Ruth.

The Board of Directors, in their Monday morning meeting discussed and acted upon several items of Farm business. Most important and interesting was the decision to proceed at once with the erection of a new family-type dwelling, to accommodate fourteen guests and two staff members. The architect is Roy Hare, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. The site chosen is east of the road which runs north of the present main building. It is hoped that construction can begin in the spring and that the house will be ready for occupancy next fall.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Monterey Historical Society fall meeting was held at Grange Hall the afternoon of September 29. The speaker, Mrs. Paul Green, of Sheffield, told many interesting facts about the people who inhabited this area, starting with the arrow or spear points 12,000 years old found in nearby New York and Connecticut valleys, through to the Housatunni Indians and their fate after the advent of the white man.

Mrs. Fijux spoke of the need for a place to keep and display our growing collection of historical items. There is hope of doing something about an addition to the library for this purpose, and a fund has been started for it. Wallace Tryon has added over \$50 from the sale of his article on the Lake Garfield Dam.

Refreshments were served, and a display of antiques, arranged by Mrs. Eugene O'Connell, was enjoyed by the members present.

Gertrude Gould
Secretary

MONTEREY COUNCIL ON AGING

Monterey Council on Aging members and senior residents (60 and over) are invited to join the Great Barrington Council on Aging hot lunch program, which started Wednesday, October 3, and will continue to meet every Wednesday at Searles School on Bridge Street at 1:15 p.m. (price 50¢). For Reservations call 528-1292. Reservations must be in by the Monday evening preceding the luncheon.

Alfred Mollé
Chairman

BERKSHIRE HILLS NURSING HOME

The residents of the Berkshire Hills Nursing Home wish to extend an invitation to all the children of Monterey for a Hallowe'en party at the Home on Sunday, October 28. The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. with games, contests, prizes and refreshments. There will be a judging of costumes, with a group of residents as judges.

Kitty Hastedt
Secretary

MONTEREY GRANGE

The theme of the program at the last meeting was "Competitive Night". Annette Nelson, captain of one side was ill at home, so Dottie Hall took over and put on an enjoyable skit, "Wide, Wide World", but was nosed out for the prize by skit-captain Andrew Webster, who presented an original and amusing skit, "Dr. Killem's Office".

The next meeting will be October 17. It will be Officers' Exchange Night", and the program will be "Pumpkins". Sisters may bring items made with pumpkins for sale.

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Mary Wallace
Lecturer

All three Girl Scout troops are active again this year. Leading the Brownies again is Maxine Labrecque of Hartsville, assisted by Betty Papp of Monterey. Meetings are held every Thursday afternoon at the home of Betty Papp.

Mary Thorn has the Junior Troop. She is being assisted by Jan Reid. Meetings are held every Monday after school in the church basement. Patrol leader is Colleen Hastedt, assistant patrol leader, Wendy Bynack, and secretary-treasurer Jill Janssen.

On Tuesday afternoons the Cadets meet in the church basement. Ann Bynack is the leader.



The Juniors and Cadets wish to extend an invitation to all young girls in town to join them in an exciting year ahead. Girls do not have to have any previous scouting experience. Those interested should call Mrs. Bynack at 528-2314.

BOY SCOUTS

The Cub Scouts will once again be starting up under the leadership of Pat Andrus. Starting date will be announced at the school.

As many may know, it is very hard to get leaders for 4-H, Youth Groups, Scouts, etc. The concerned parents of the boys in town have tried desperately to find a Boy Scout leader for this area. It has been to no avail. Great Barrington has no room for our boys. Our neighbor to the East, Otis, welcomed all into their troop. Monterey has seven boys going every Friday evening. The troop is run by an experienced leader, Norman Gilinas. We are very fortunate to be a part of Troop 48 of Otis. Those attending are Mark Makuc, Kenneth Heath, William Bynack, Danny Andrus, Shawn Ryder, Scott Jervas and Mark Beattie.

4-H NEWS

Monterey Roadrunners

The Monterey Roadrunners held their third annual horse show at Gould Farm on September 30. It started at 12:00 noon, and a total of nineteen classes were held. The judge for the show was Mrs. Marge LaVigne from Cheshire. Ted Falcon was the announcer, and did his usual great job. It also happened to be his birthday, and the club presented him with a birthday cake in the shape of a horseshoe, and also with a cowboy hat.

Monterey Panhandlers

The Monterey Panhandlers, the cooking group, will start up their meetings the end of October. Gail Heath will again instruct this fine group. The boys and girls have received many "excellent" ribbons this summer in the 4-H Fair and the Barrington Fair.

Monterey Green Thumbs

This year the Monterey Grange sponsored a gardening club for the youth. Eleven children entered, with seven completing the program. Everyone had the same kind of seeds to plant, seven different varieties. Members of the 4-H Green Thumbs took part in the program. Vegetables and flowers were displayed at a recent Grange meeting, with ribbons given out. Those completing the project were Dawn Dean, of Becket, Susan Heath, Ann and Ellen Pedersen, Andrea Pizzichemi, Shawn Ryder and Warren Thomson.

New 4-H Project -- Stamp Collecting

Walter Parks and Douglas Lyman will be running a stamp collecting project this year. Meetings will be held in the library basement on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00. These meetings are open to all boys and girls. If there is enough interest for this group, stamp collecting books will be provided for those who do not have any. Meetings will start on October 24. Those interested should contact Walter at the Post Office or call Lois Ryder at 528-2548.

MONTEREY JUNIOR HI GROUP

As of this writing the Monterey Junior Hi Group has not set a date for their first meeting of the season.

Lois Ryder
Youth Editor

PHILERGIANS

The Philergians will meet on Thursday, October 25, at the home of Marie Brallier, at 8:00 p.m. This is the first meeting of the new season.

LADIES' AID

The first Ladies' Aid meeting of the 1973-74 season will be held at the home of Mrs. Julius Miner, President, at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 1. This is the annual meeting and dues are payable at this time.

LOCAL NOTES

An interesting, and somewhat inappropriate, door prize was won by Gertrude Gould, of Monterey, at the Berkshire Garden Center Festival, Sunday, October 7. It was three free tickets for a sightseeing tour of the area from the Great Barrington airport. Having lived in Monterey since her childhood, and also having traveled in many parts in countless more exotic parts of the world than Great Barrington, Gertrude was not particularly thrilled at this prospect. She gave the tickets to her sister, Margaret White, who invited Amy Enoe and Margaret Pasche on this "tour", which they are planning to make Wednesday, October 16. Not one of the three has ever been in an airplane before in the course of their long and full lives!

THE MAPLES WERE DUMPING GOLD

All day, the maples were dumping gold
 Upon the roadway that passes our dwelling.
 By sunset they had it thickly paved.
 It took no propher for the foretelling
 That stars would blaze through my window that night --
 Stars that hadn't looked through since May --
 May, when the buds were swelling.

— Margery Mansfield

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